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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Administrator
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: FCC - WC Docket No. 10-90
FCC ETC Reporting Requirements - 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2) through (6) and (h)

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2) through (6) and (h), annual ETC reporting requirements for high-cost recipients, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (Carrier) hereby submits the following information as specified in Public Notice DA 12-279 released on May 8, 2012.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (605) 964-2600 or Mona L. Thompson, Interim General Manager at (605) 964-2600 or email at monat@lakotanetwork.com.

Sincerely,

Ivan Bruguier
Board Chairman

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**Section 54.313 Annual Report for 2012
WC Docket No. 10-90**

Name of Company: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
Address of Company: PO Box 810, 100 Main Street, Eagle Butte, SD 57625
Study Area Code (SAC): 391647
Name and Title of Officer Certifying Information: Ivan Bruguier, Board Chairman

Sec. 54.313 (a)(2)

During calendar year 2011, Carrier experienced no service outages, as defined in 47 C.F.R. 4.5, affecting at least 10 percent of its end user customers or a 911 special facility, as defined in 47 C.F.R. 4.5(e), for a period lasting longer than 30 minutes for any service area it owns, operates, leases or otherwise utilizes.

Sec. 54.313 (a)(3)

Carrier was able to provide service to all potential customers that requested service during 2011, and as of December 31, 2011, Carrier had no unfulfilled requests for service.

Sec. 54.313 (a)(4)

During 2011, the number of complaints per 1,000 connections, fixed or mobile, was -0- for Carrier.

Sec. 54.313 (a)(5)

Carrier hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

Sec. 54.313 (a)(6)

Carrier hereby certifies that it is capable of functioning in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2). Specifically, Carrier has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

Sec. 54.313 (h)

Carrier receives or is projected to receive High Cost Loop Support in 2012, but has no monthly residential rates (plus relevant state fees) less than \$10.

I, Ivan Bruguier, certify that I am an officer of the company named above and that I can certify under penalty of perjury to the accuracy of the information provided herein and make the certifications required by Section 54.313.

Ivan Bruguier
Signature

Ivan Bruguier
[Name]

Board Chairman
[Title]

June 19, 2012
[Date]

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BEFORE THE

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF)	
<i>Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone</i>)	
<i>Authority</i> FOR CERTIFICATION)	ANNUAL ETC CERTIFICATION
REGARDING ITS USE OF FEDERAL)	FILING
UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT.)	

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (the "Company"), by and through its attorney, makes this filing to seek certification from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") as is required under 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and to comply with the provisions of ARSD §§ 20:10:32:52 and 20:10:32:54 of the Commission's rules pertaining to eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs").

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, federal universal service support provided to carriers pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.301, 54.305 and/or 54.307 and/or Part 36, Subpart F (high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support and safety valve support) will be made available only if the State Commission files the requisite annual certification with the FCC and USAC. The certification required specifically for rural carriers to receive federal universal service support for all four quarters during calendar year 2013 is currently due to be filed with the FCC and USAC on or before October 1, 2012. The certification may be presented to these entities in the form of a letter from the State Commission. The letter must identify which carriers in the State are eligible to receive federal support during the 12-month period and must certify that the carriers listed will only use the support for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

As part of its annual request to the Commission for certification, the Company provides the following information:

1. The Company is a rural telephone company that has previously been designated by this Commission as an ETC. The Company provides local exchange telephone services, including all of the essential services that are included in the federal definition of universal service, to approximately 3,024 access lines within its established rural service area in South Dakota.

2. The provisions of ARSD § 20:10:32:54 addressing the annual "Certification requirements" set forth by this Commission indicate in part that the ETC must show "how much universal service support was received." Accordingly, the Company's 2011 federal universal service receipts are reflected on Exhibit A hereto (presented as part of the Company's "Progress Report"). This same Exhibit also shows total expenditures of the Company in 2011 related to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services that are supported by federal universal service funding. In addition, to the extent changes have occurred, to date, with respect to the Company's planned 2012 investments noted in last year's two-year plan, the changes are referenced in that Exhibit. Estimates of the expenditures to be made by the Company for calendar year 2013, related to the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal universal service, are provided on Exhibit B hereto as part of the Company's current Two-Year Plan. Consistent with federal universal service principles, the

Company will use federal universal service amounts received in 2013 to offset a portion of these 2013 expenditures. This use of federal universal service support will enable the Company to: (1) maintain rates for its local exchange services that are affordable and reasonably comparable to rates being charged for the same services in urban areas; and (2) to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service. The use of federal universal service support for these purposes is clearly consistent with the federal universal service provisions.

3. In addition to the information included in Exhibits A and B, the following information is provided to meet the Commission's "Certification requirements" set forth in § 20:10:32:54:

During calendar year 2011, the Company experienced the following service outages affecting at least 10 percent of its end user customers, for a period lasting longer than 30 minutes: *There were no service outages in 2011 that affected at least 10% of our end user customers that lasted longer than 30 minutes.*

- The Company was able to provide service to all potential customers that requested service during 2011, and as of December 31, 2011 the Company had no unfulfilled requests for service. *Our Company had no unfulfilled requests for service in 2011.*
- During 2011, the Company's customer service department received an estimated 0 complaints from consumers. Only 0 of these complaints were received by the Company more formally as written complaints or as complaints that needed to be resolved with the involvement of other Company representatives outside of the customer service department.
- Also attached as "Exhibit C" is a document containing other certifications, including those required under the provisions of ARSD §§ 20:10:32:54(6), 20:10:32:54(7), 20:10:32:54(8) and 20:10:32:54(9).

4. Based on all of the foregoing information, including the information provided on Exhibits A, B and C, the Company requests that this Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that *Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority* is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2012. In order to ensure that this certification is issued to the FCC prior to October 1, 2012, the Company would further ask the Commission to expedite the process that is initiated based on this filing.

Dated this ____ day of May 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for the Company

EXHIBIT A
Progress Report
C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

Year 2011 Federal Universal Service Receipts:

High Cost Loop Support	\$ 1,004,642
Local Switching Support	\$ 181,044
Safety Net Additive Support	\$ 0
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 1,185,686

Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:

	Actual 2011
Plant Specific Operations Expenses	
Network support (Accts 6110-16)	\$ 5,651
General support (Accts 6120-24)	\$ 144,696
Central office (Accts 6210-6232)	\$ 318,075
Cable and wire facilities (Accts 6410-41)	\$ 366,750
Network operations (Accts 6530-35)	\$ 335,761
Depreciation and amortization (Accts 6560-65)	\$ 1,389,348
Customer Operations Expenses	
Customer services (Accts 6620-23)	\$ 321,844
Corporate Operations Expenses	
Executive and planning (Accts 6710-12)	\$ 264,036
General and administrative (Accts 6720-28)	\$ 437,574
Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment	\$ 3,583,735
Additions	
Central Office (Acct 2210-2230)	\$ 1,614,833
Cable and wire (Acct 2410)	\$ 812,964
Total	\$ 2,427,797
Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment	\$ 6,011,532

[At the wire center level, describe the above-referenced capital additions made in 2011. If applicable, provide an explanation as to why actual capital additions in 2011 do not match the capital additions shown as planned for 2011 (included with the Company's 2010 filing). Explain any network improvement targets that were not fulfilled or any additions that took place in 2011 that had not been planned. And, finally identify any revisions to the 2012 capital plan as submitted with last year's filing.]

EXHIBIT B
Two-Year Plan
C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

The Company's service quality improvement plan is to continue to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service throughout its service area. As an incumbent local exchange carrier and the carrier of last resort in its service area, the Company upgrades and replaces facilities and equipment as necessary. The Company believes that its planned capital additions will improve the reliability of switched calls for its customers, increase the Company's network capacity to serve remote customers and provide customers with state-of-the-art telecommunications service. In furtherance of its service quality improvement plan, the Company will use any high-cost universal service amounts received by it to offset expenditures incurred as it continues to upgrade and replace facilities and equipment.

Estimated Year 2013 Federal Universal Service Receipts:

High Cost Loop Support	\$ 1,248,108
Local Switching Support	\$ 0
Safety Net Additive Support	\$ 0
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 1,248,108

Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:

	Estimated 2013
Plant Specific Operations Expenses	
Network support (Accts 6110-16)	\$ 5,651
General support (Accts 6120-24)	\$ 144,695
Central office (Accts 6210-6232)	\$ 318,075
Cable and wire facilities (Accts 6410-41)	\$ 366,750
Network operations (Accts 6530-35)	\$ 335,761
Depreciation and amortization (Accts 6560-65)	\$ 1,773,397
Customer Operations Expenses	
Customer services (Accts 6620-23)	\$ 321,844
Corporate Operations Expenses	
Executive and planning (Accts 6710-12)	\$ 264,036
General and administrative (Accts 6720-28)	\$ 437,574
Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment	\$ 3,967,783
Additions	
Central Office (Acct 2210-2230)	\$ 662,000
Cable and wire (Acct 2410)	\$ 6,520,000
Total	\$ 7,182,000
Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment	\$11,149,783

Proposed Network Improvements:

The Company's 2013 estimated capital additions included with last year's filing are provided again for reference, together with capital additions planned for 2014.

Provide data for each wire center in the Company's service area where switching, exchange transmission equipment or cable and wire upgrades are planned.

Wire Center	Estimated Population	Description of Capital Improvement	Start Date	End Date	Estimated Capital Expenditures Each Year	
					2013	2014
La Plant		COE	2013	2013	\$ 662,000	\$ 0
La Plant		CWF	2013	2013	\$ 6,520,000	\$ 0
Isabel		COE	2014	2014	\$ 0	\$ 734,000
Isabel		CWF	2014	2014	\$ 0	\$ 4,000,000

No capital improvements are planned in the following wire centers but nonetheless may be necessary in connection with the provision of service to new customers. *List the remaining wire centers in the Company's service area.*

Wire Center

CRST Telephone Authority
Year 2011 ETC Certification Form - Exhibit A Attachment (Filed in 2012)

Actual Submitted in 2012 Filing				Estimate Submitted in 2010 Filing			Difference in Actual to Estimate			Reason for Difference:
Wire Center	2011 COE Adds	2011 CWF Adds	2011 Total	2011 COE Adds	2011 CWF Adds	2011 Total	2011 COE Adds	2011 CWF Adds	2011 Total	
Dupree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	More COE completed than anticipated OSP project was not yet ready for closeout at 12/31/11; was closed on 03/31/12.
Eagle Butte	1,209,469	812,964	2,022,434	369,347	2,260,981	2,630,328	840,122	-1,448,016	-607,894	
Isabel	11,894	0	11,894	0	0	0	11,894	0	11,894	
La Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S. Dupree	393,469	0	393,469	372,653	2,707,019	3,079,672	20,816	-2,707,019	-2,686,203	
Total	1,614,833	812,964	2,427,797	742,000	4,968,000	5,710,000	872,833	-4,155,036	-3,282,203	

CRSTTA is involved in a \$34.397M RUS upgrade to FTTH beginning in 2010 with an estimated completion date of 2014.

EXHIBIT C
Affidavit

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DEWEY)

1. I am the Interim General Manager of *Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority* and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the Company's Request for Certification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

2. As an authorized representative of the Company, I hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support and/or safety valve support.

3. During 2011, the Company received federal universal service support as shown on Exhibit A to this affidavit and had investment and expenses relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Exhibit A. During 2011, the Company used the federal universal service support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

4. The Company certifies that it will use the federal universal service support it receives during 2013 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

5. The Company certifies that it (i) is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; (ii) is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 20:10:32:43:03; (iii) provides a flat-rated local exchange service free of per minute charges; and (iv) provides equal access to long distance carriers.


Interim General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this ^{24th} day of May 2012.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: May 19, 2017

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 1, 2012**

Company: CRST Telephone Authority

Address: PQ Box 810
100 Main Street
Eagle Butte SD 57625

Telephone number: (605) 964-2500

Company contact: Candace LeBeau, Marketing

Study Area Code: 391647

Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

- X Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)
- X Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.* (See attached letter.)
- X Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
- X Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website.
(www.crsta.com)
- X Company's information posted on USAC website.
- X Other (describe): Information in new customer packets

*Required

Legislative Report

By Ryan Maher

Pierre - After a busy week, five days remain in the legislative session. However, there is still plenty to do and the other legislators and I continue to work hard to finish the session on a high note. Come in point, we are scheduled to put the General Bill (Budget) together on Friday of this week.

On Thursday the joint appropriations committee received an updated revenue projection. Revising fiscal year 2012, we changed the amount adopted last March from \$1.185 billion up to \$1.248 for the general fund. This change reflects the \$32.8 million from one-time money, along with the result of a particularly profitable fourth quarter.

In addition, the joint committee agreed to peg fiscal year 2013 general funds at \$1.275 billion. This estimate includes one-time receipts in the neighborhood of \$28.8 million.

This estimate puts us in an advantageous position due to the results of the hard decisions and sacrifices made in last year's session, where we adjusted the budget and re-based budgets in relation to the general funds. It took strong backbone and deep seated convictions to hold the line a year ago, but it is clear that the hard work was well worth it. We are certainly in a stronger position as we go forward. The 2012 spending levels are equivalent to the 2008 spending levels.

Also in this last week, HB1234 passed out of the senate education committee. HB1234 has changed a lot since it was a proposal put forward by the governor. Much input has been forward by a variety of groups, and both the house and senate have been hard at work to make it into a suitable and workable bill.

A main emphasis of the bill is on local control on all levels. It would be up to local school districts to choose to offer continuing contracts, and it would allow them to direct local funding and home structures to areas of critical need in their regions. HB1234 continues to be a way for our state to address areas of need as a whole and will continue to try and promote subjects such as math and science in order to promote student achievement

and no longer settle for the status quo.

Other Bills of Interest:
Ag and Natural Resources:
HB 1177 provide for the taking of muskrats by shooting under certain conditions.

- muskrats are becoming a problem in the northeast part of South Dakota and are causing extensive damage to roads.

- this bill allows muskrats to be hunted by shooting rifle cartridges of .22 caliber or smaller, muzzleloaders of .46 caliber or smaller, shotguns, or legal archery equipment.

- the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission will specify hunting seasons and licensing requirements for the hunting of muskrats.

Local Government:
HB 1247 revise certain provisions regarding the voting rights of persons convicted of a felony or serving time in the state penitentiary.

An individual who is serving any part of a sentence for a felony conviction is not permitted to vote, probation included.

State Affairs:

HB 1204 revise certain provisions pertaining to the decision of a pregnant mother considering termination of her relationship with her child by an abortion, to establish certain procedures to insure that such decisions are voluntary, uncoerced, and informed, and to revise certain causes of action for professional negligence relating to performance of an abortion.

- This is a clean up and clarification from HB1217 from last year. It is directed towards future help centers so they have certified health counselors.

Commerce and Energy:

HB 1097 revise certain provisions regulating the investment of unexpended state operating expenses in banks.

- Any public funds not needed for current operating expenses may be invested in an FDIC federally insured bank fund.

As always, I welcome all input on the issues we are addressing in the legislature. Please continue to contact me at sen.maher@state.sd.us or by calling 605-779-3831, and leave a message.

Legislative Report

By Betty Olson

My new-to-me car now has a new transmission and Sen. Ryan Maher was kind enough to let me ride back to Pierre with him to pick it up from the shop. Ben took me to Isabel to meet Ryan and grab a hamburger at Sparky's. Ryan had to deliver some insurance policies on the way, so we headed north to go by Little Eagle and McLaughlin and then turned south to Pierre after going through Mobridge.

We were enjoying the drive over less-traveled roads and since neither of us had ever driven down Hwy 1804 Sen. Maher asked if I'd like to try that. I didn't know that the road was named 1804 because it was the route that Lewis and Clark followed when they journeyed north through South Dakota on their way to the west coast in 1804 and it sounded like a great idea to a history buff like me.

1804 started as a blacktop highway following east along the Missouri River and there was no snow at all. After several miles, the blacktop turned to snow-covered gravel with a lot of square corners and side roads leading into farms and ranches. As we drove further south we encountered more snow and fewer vehicle tracks, finally coming to the last place along the road where the vehicle tracks ended and the snow got deeper. After driving about three miles making the only track through the deepening snow and freezing ice, we came to another square corner and the car skidded into the steep ditch. We were stuck out in the middle of nowhere with no traffic on the road and no idea where we were!

Trying to pry packed snow from under the car with a couple busted knee posts didn't work, so we decided to walk the three miles back to the last farm we'd gone by. Just as we were about to trudge up to the house, a pickup drove up behind us and stopped to see if we needed help. It was Sen. Cory Brown's uncle, Jim Brown, and he was more than happy to haul us back to the car and pull it out of the ditch. Ryan's car is missing a couple pieces off the front end, but everything still worked and we made it back to Pierre just in time to pick my car up before the shop closed for the night.

Jon Brown had a very interesting story to tell us about a run in he'd had with an overbearing game warden last fall during harvest when he had to drive across some G&P land to pull out his combine that was stuck in the field. He wound up giving a \$180 ticket following a threat of being arrested and hauled off in handcuffs from his business office in Gettysburg. We've got some questions for G&P about the situation over retractor shed himself in just trying to align his own combine!

Here are some of the bills that passed the House this week:

*SB 2 to revise provisions related to the calculation of state aid to special education.

*SB 67 to allow military spouses to receive unemployment compensation if they leave their jobs due to a spouse's military transfer. This has been signed by the governor.

*SB 73 to repeal the provisions regarding the assessment of real property located in a floodplain.

*SB 111 to revise the mining permit fees.

*SB 21 to provide for a special license plate for certain persons on active duty in the military.

*SB 113 to provide for special motor vehicle license plates for recipients of the silver star medal, distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross, distinguished flying cross, bronze star medal with valor device, or the bronze star medal passed unanimously.

*SB 22 to revise provisions regarding the vacation or the change of location of county and township highways on school and public lands.

*SB 48 to revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2012.

*SB 189 to provide a designation on two-driver identification cards, driver licenses, and permits that the card holders or licensees are honorably discharged veterans.

*SB 176 to establish a pro-

gram to assist rural health care facilities in recruiting health care professionals and to repeal provisions regarding recruitment incentive payments for health care professionals.

*SB 177 to establish a program to assist rural communities to recruit health care professionals and to repeal provisions regarding the physician, the midlevel, and the dentist tuition reimbursement programs.

*SB 192 to make appropriations for the purpose of one-time increases in education and health care funding.

*SB 194 to make an appropriation to fund tax refunds for elderly persons and persons with a disability, to revise the income eligibility requirements for property tax and sales tax refunds, and to declare an emergency.

*SB 195 to make appropriations from the water and environmental fund, the water pollution control revolving fund sub-fund, and the drinking water revolving fund sub-fund for various water and environmental purposes, to revise the state water plan, to authorize the construction and establish the state cost share for the Belle Fourche irrigation upgrade project, and to declare an emergency.

*SB 191 to provide for authorization to offer postsecondary education services in South Dakota.

*SB 123 to revise how the taxes are applied to rural electric companies.

*SB 174 to increase the 911 emergency surcharge, to revise the collection and distribution of the surcharge revenue, to provide for point of sale collection of the prepaid wireless 911 emergency surcharge, and to provide funding for the upgrade of 911 emergency services.

*SB 186 to update the definition of the non-sectorized textbooks that are loaned to students to include digital materials.

This is the last week of the 2012 legislative session, which ends March 2nd. The final day of session is Veto Day on March 19th. After session you can email me at repbettyolson@state.sd.us or call me at 605-865-2824. Information about bills and legislators can be found at <http://legis.state.sd.us/>

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Take advantage of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

JANUARY 23 - APRIL 17, 2012

At Four Bands Community Fund, 101 S. Main St., Eagle Butte

Call 605-964-3687

in scheduled community events

Co-sponsored by Four Bands Community Fund and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Ventures.



~LIFELINE~

For what? Discounted Telephone Service
How? If you currently have telephone service and you receive federal assistance from:

Medicaid

Food Stamps

Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Head Start (income eligible)

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance

Twenty Administered Temp. Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

Household income falls below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

For more information, call
CRST Telephone Authority
at (605) 964-2800



Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Limitation Service support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. **Note:** Telecommunications carriers cannot charge a Lifeline customer federal USF fees on the local service portion of their telephone bill.

What type of discount is available?

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$22.75 per month in discounts.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$25 in Lifeline support, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

Link Up reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service, up to a maximum of \$30. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60 and \$130.

Toll Limitation Service (TLS) support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

How do I know whether I am eligible?

Eligibility for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support *varies by state*. Individuals who reside in states that have their own discount programs qualify for federal Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support if they meet the eligibility criteria established by their state. In states that do not provide state support, an individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines:

**2011 Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or
Below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

Persons in Family Unit	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$14,702	\$18,360	\$16,929
2	\$19,859	\$24,813	\$22,856
3	\$25,016	\$31,266	\$28,782
4	\$30,173	\$37,719	\$34,709
5	\$35,330	\$44,172	\$40,635
6	\$40,487	\$50,625	\$46,562
7	\$45,644	\$57,078	\$52,488
8	\$50,801	\$63,531	\$58,415
For each additional person, add	\$5,157	\$6,453	\$5,927

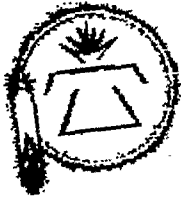
Residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands qualify if they participate in any of the programs listed above, have a household income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, or participate in one of these programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Tribal TANF

How do I apply to receive Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support discounts?

To apply for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS discounts please contact 1-888-587-7035.

The Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) web site contains state-specific Lifeline information for many companies at www.lifelinesupport.org

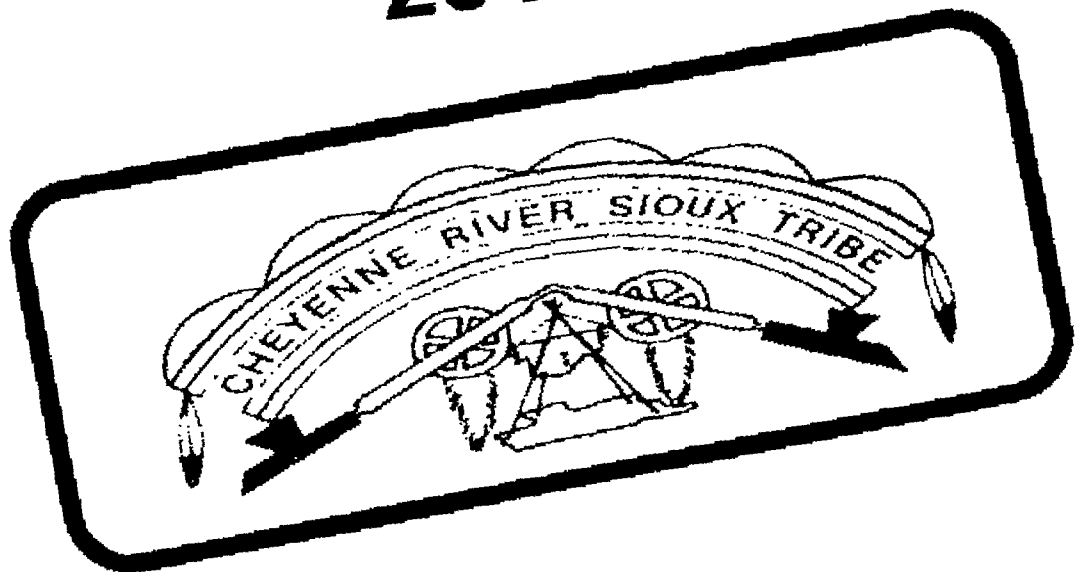


C.R.S.T.
Telephone Authority

Local Exchange Directory



2011



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Windshield Doctor	964-7826
Winyan Okiyapi Oti	964-8186

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Ziebach County Abstract	365-5247
Ziebach County	
Assessor	365-5129
Attorney	365-5171
Auditors	365-5157
Clerk of Courts	365-5159
Extension	365-5161
Health	365-5170
Register of Deeds	365-5165
Sheriff	365-5177
States Attorney	365-5172
Treasurer	365-5173

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

Dept. of Public Safety - Drivers Licensing	1-800-952-3696
Dewey County Courthouse	1-800-894-3501
Lakota Network Internet Help Desk	1-866-264-7802
LifeLine Backup	1-800-952-3696
Moreau Grand Electric Cooperative	1-800-952-3158
WildBlue Technical Support	1-888-256-8372
